(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said hospital is like to be taken over by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Herbal Medicine for Control of Asthma

2107. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether herbal medicines has been developed by the Council for Research in Ayurved and Siddha for the control of asthma in the initial stages;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to by the Government to manufacture this medicine on large scale and supply to the public at reasonable price; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has carried out clinical studies on Asthma and found that some of the herbal drugs have got therapeutic potentialities for the purpose. The studies are yet to be concluded.

Repatriation of Archival Material

2108. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the India Office Library in London with respect to the proposal for the repatriation of archives of India;

(b) whether the list has been prepared by the Government of the cultural property as well as archival material removed from the country by U.K. France and Portugal during their rule over the country;

(c) whether there is any international agreement on the restoration of such property; and

(d) whether there have been any negotiations with these three Governments during the last five years for the restoration of such property?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The status remains unchanged Only microfilm copies of selected documents are being released to the National Archives of India.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Development of Beach Resorts in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2109. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Ministry of Tourism for development of beach resorts in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) whether foreign investment is also proposed to be invited for this purpose; and